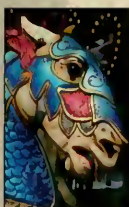


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Dear Alumni and Friends,

We're back! And the Insight staff would like to extend their thanks to all of you who responded to our first issue of the "new and improved *Insight*" with a verbal or written "well done." We were excited about our new magazine and it was nice to get positive feedback from so many of you. We even appreciated the "constructive criticism" and will always welcome any comments or suggestions you have to make this magazine the best it can be.



photo by John Powers/Power Photography

The view from above the new residence halls and courtyard

In the last editor's letter we were peering out the windows at the mountains of concrete and steel that would somehow be transformed into two new residence halls. Well, guess what? It happened! Now in full view outside the publications office window stand two new terracotta and green residence halls with students comfortably settled inside. The official dedication ceremony took place on Saturday, September 27th, but it appeared to us that the students "unofficially christened" Botwinik and Bixler Halls as home away from home by a recent after class game of tag football in the courtyard.

The new residence halls seems to have sparked a lot of reminiscing about "the good

old college days" lately in our office. Maybe it's just watching the changing colors of fall or that teasing nip of coolness in the air that ushers in the academic year. Whatever the reason, it's catchy. In both our feature articles UNH communications alumni, Paul Gagne B.S. '78, and Craig Mortali, B.S. '84, wax nostalgic about their years at UNH and the success it brought them in their respective careers. Actually, even the faculty member featured in this issue, Judi Neal, associate professor of management, had a little lump in her throat for the school that encourages her spirit at work.

Well, now that we've gotten that out of our system, it's time to get on with all the news. Lots of special occasions going on here. UNH football is celebrating their silver anniversary this year. Read about the Chargers 25 years of exciting division II games in a special feature in this issue. Then there's Peter Banca's generous donation of land in Branford to the university. This plot of wetland makes an ideal outdoor classroom for many of our environmental science students. There's news in HRTDA: the Institute of Gastronomy and Culinary Science. For food lovers, this is definitely a program you can sink your teeth into. Orchestra New England, in residence at UNH, has spectacular concerts planned in their 24th season which will pay tribute to American music of the 20th century.

Last but not least are all the newsy columns that are so important to an alumni magazine. With the response to the first *Insight* magazine we heard from more alumni than ever, so you'll see that the Class Notes section has grown. There's a message from our new Alumni Director Debby Van Lenten and the Alumni President, Ronald Manning. The ever-popular Around Campus, Sports, Bits 'n Pieces and Reaching Out campus news departments are back—jammed packed with happenings. So don't bother changing around your closets from summer to winter clothes, sit down with *Insight* for awhile because the forecasters are predicting a warm winter. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

From the UNH Alumni Association President

As I begin my second year as your Alumni Association president, it is refreshing to view the successes of the past year as we plan for the coming year. We will continue to build upon efforts in the areas of development, alumni clubs, board enhancement, communications, and alumni programs/service. We expect to support further and participate in the University's development campaign. The year 1996-1997 was a good one for the association: we accomplished (and surpassed) all but one of the goals we set for ourselves, and assisted the University in its mission to a greater amount than ever before. Let me share our good news in brief:



- As a board, we looked internally last year, and asked our own members to come to the table as a committed and active group. We fully implemented our newly updated and modified by-laws and constitution. This includes increasing our board membership, which is presently at 32, its orientation program, nominating committee selection criteria, and re-election criteria. Our board structure will form an ongoing building component and carry us forward into the new millennium. We have had the cooperation and support of President DeNardis throughout the year at our meetings and events. We look forward to continuing this relationship in the coming year.

- Support of the Annual Fund by our alumni continues to grow, with 82% of the alumni board of directors making a contribution, and 12% of the university alumni population showing their support.

- Attendance at all-alumni events such as Homecoming and the Alumni Scholarship Ball has increased by better than the ten percent planned. This year's attendance at the scholarship ball was the highest in the event's 14-year history, and more than \$73,000, the largest amount ever, was generated for the alumni scholarship program at the University.

- We welcome the transformation of *Insight* to a full-color format. This vehicle provides us with an exciting medium in which we can communicate news about events, information on the Association, alumni profiles, as well as highlight our many accomplishments.

- Finally, we convened an ad hoc committee of board members to look into new programs and services to offer to our alumni. The committee will be working actively and welcomes your input and comments. When program offerings incorporate the interests of alumni, the programs tend to be more successful.

We look forward to working with our new Alumni Relations Director, Deborah Van Lenten, in all areas of alumni relations. Let me acknowledge again the work of the executive committee, the board members, and the members of the University's alumni relations office. Let's continue our involvement in the work we have ahead of us to assist in keeping UNH alive and well.

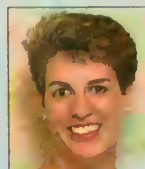
Sincerely,

R. Manning

Ronald E. Manning, MPA '78
UNH Alumni Association President

From the UNH Director of Alumni Relations

When I arrived on campus in July as your new director of alumni relations, my knowledge of UNH was limited. In the past few months I've learned a lot—and it's members of the UNH alumni family that are educating me. I've met a good number of you—at club events, the Alumni Legacy Golf Tournament, the dedication of our two new residence halls, on the phone and at board meetings. But with more than 30,000 alumni around the globe I've really only had contact with a very small percentage of the UNH alumni family.



In the coming months, I hope to be in touch with many more of you as you are involved in your Alumni Association. Participation is easy—and there are a multitude of options available to you. Let me highlight just a few.

One of the easiest—let us know what you're up to. Drop the Alumni Office a note to let us know of a move, job change, awards you've earned, marriage or the birth of a child. We'll share it with your classmates in an upcoming issue of *Insight*. (We've even made it easy for you. Just jot your news on the flap of your Annual Fund return envelope!)

Or you can attend an alumni event—there are a variety offered year round. There are alumni club programs, which include networking and cocktails, ball games, gathering at professional meetings. The Annual Alumni Scholarship Ball draws hundreds of attendees, and the Alumni Golf Tournament gives you a chance to get in 18 holes with other UNH alumni. Or better yet, get involved with the planning of an event. Contact the Alumni Office and we will put you in touch with the planning committee.

Motivated individuals are also welcome as new members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. The board is responsible for the overseeing and planning of the myriad of alumni events.

If you have an idea for another way for alumni to be involved, let us know! Drop me a note or call and I'll do my best to help make your idea happen. Even with the help of our already very active group of alumni volunteers, it is hard to plan an event to suit all of your interests. Let us know what you would like. Besides, it's a great way to meet more of the UNH alumni family.

I hope to see or hear from you in the future!

Deborah

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JUDI NEAL:

Soul Survivor

of Corporate America

by Lucy Twarkins

Of Metaphysics and Music

Getting to the core of Judi Neal, professor of management, and director for the *Center for Spirit at Work*, turned out to be quite an enlightening experience. For instance, Judi revealed that when she was a child she had an angel. "His name was Ray—as in Ray of light. He didn't look like a person, he looked like light!" Judi also believed from the time she was four years old that she would be a famous singing star. Other than that and learning to play the ukulele and the guitar, Judi's childhood was pretty normal growing up in Hawaii. At least for most intuitive, spiritual children who can predict the future.

Despite her predisposition for the metaphysical, Judi grew up and went to college. Along the way she tried out several different religions and spiritual practices such as Hinduism, yoga, meditation and even the Mormon church. Nothing out of the ordinary for a young woman growing up with the new freedom of the '60's. It wasn't until she moved on to the wife/mother phase of her life that Judi experienced the extraordinary. "I had a near death experience," Judi confessed. "I wasn't clinically dead, but I knew I had died. I believe I was with God. I felt so surrounded by love. Everything was love, that's all there was—but also this incredible sense of power that would



have been terrifying except for the love." She continued "And there was all this white light. I had the audacity to ask to come back. I had just given birth to my son, I wanted to come back to be with him, and just like that I was back!"

Like most near death experiencers, Judi put herself on trial. "I started out feeling very frightened. Why me? Why was I allowed to come back? There must be some major mission. I'm just a housewife—what could I do?" This period of intense self-examination would change her life's path forever. She reveals "I got very depressed. What was I supposed to do?" Her first answer to these questions sent her to Yale's School of Management to earn a Ph.D. in organizational behavior. From there her path led to a top position in organizational development for Honeywell Inc., a defense manufacturer. During her time at Honeywell, Judi was doing a lot of spiritual reading but admits "Spirituality was a small, separate segment. It didn't have anything to do

with the rest of my life." Until she blew the whistle.

A Road Less Traveled

Judi inadvertently uncovered evidence of data alteration and faulty ammunition at the defense plant. It was government fraud that could potentially cost lives. When Judi brought it to her boss's attention his "you weren't supposed to find out" response stunned her. "There was a week before I blew the whistle that I had to do a lot of internal research. I was reading a chapter of a book by Shakti Gawain that stated that everything going on in your life is mirrored by what's going on inside you." Judi realized that Honeywell was operating with no morals or ethics. This was out of line with her need to live and work with integrity. She decided it was time to return to integrity and she blew the whistle on the government fraud.

"My boss took all my work away. They didn't fire me but they offered me lateral moves to expensive locations. After



six months I left." Returning to Connecticut Judi reveals that she fell into a severe depression for about six months and was unable to work. "I had no idea what I was going to do. The whole sense of betrayal. It seemed like a sham. I really began to question all the training I just went through—getting the Ph.D.—was it even worth it? Am I being true to myself?" Finally she admits "I just sort of let go. I'm not even going to question it. The things I was reading told me to just let go...stop trying to control everything."

Searching for work in all the usual places, corporations and consulting companies, Judi received an unexpected phone call one day. "Somebody called me out of the blue from UCONN, asking me to teach a course for women in management. I had to



design the class around women's issues in the workplace. We talked about integral issues, balancing life, empowerment—it was great! Everyone loved the class, many of the women had plans to start their business, and they did, after that class. We changed lives!"—including her own. Judi realized that teaching is her life's calling "I think of it as my spiritual practice."

The opportunity to teach full-time came the very next semester when a position opened up in the School of Business at UNH. "When I came here I swore I would be authentic and live my spiritual principles. There's a lot of freedom here for faculty. We get to be creative, and people appreciate it. I get to try new things. I can bring in my guitar and sing in class!"

Judi has done the work

that she now passes on to all her students—the first principle of management: "Know Thyself." Judi admits "Now I feel I can be myself in whatever I do. I feel like I'm myself here at UNH. I've been the ultimate troublemaker when I blew the whistle and survived, so I don't have to worry about that anymore. When I'm in meetings and something doesn't sit right, I say 'wait a minute—this isn't right.' And people are relieved that someone spoke up."

Spirit at Work

Judi's spiritual path branches out in many different directions these days. In addition to teaching, she is director of the UNH Center for Business Partnerships, which has been formed to establish more connection between UNH and the business community. She is also on the board of directors of the West Haven Economic Development Corporation. Then there's always her consulting business Neal & Associates that offers Total Quality Management and team building workshops. Taking a lot more of her time these days is Judi's newsletter "Spirit at Work" which started with six subscribers, most of whom she met at a Noetic Science convention two years ago, and now has a circulation of over 1,000. She also holds discussion meetings on spirituality in her home, at work and even online. In fact, the spirituality movement has grown so big that Judi has opened the *Center for Spirit at Work* at UNH. It functions as a

Eleven steps to a more spiritual company

Tom's of Maine, a health and beauty manufacturer, excerpt from HR Magazine 1996

1. Help employees connect with nature by bringing as many natural features as possible - green plants, skylights, fountains. Nature is a prime source of spiritual sustenance.
2. When possible, hold at least some meetings outdoors. These nature breaks refresh, revive and can greatly improve productivity.
3. Allow manufacturing staff to take exercise breaks. Place complimentary baskets of fruit throughout the manufacturing plant.
4. Stage frequent company celebrations to acknowledge milestones and achievements.
5. Honor and encourage creative expression by decorating your workplace with employee-made painting, sculpture, craftwork and poetry.
6. Create an evolving Mission Statement (through open employee forums) that employees are proud to live by.
7. Actively encourage employee education.
8. If your firm participates in trade shows or business showcases, rotate attendance by staff, and don't limit participation to marketing staff.
9. Start holding your meetings in the round.
10. Encourage everyone to get to know fellow employees as human beings, as well as co-workers.
11. Encourage all employees to take a turn at answering customer correspondence for a spirit enhancing experience.

publications and research clearinghouse and offers outreach programs on spirituality in the workplace.

But closest to Judi's heart is her music. She is an accomplished singer/songwriter musician and often opens and closes classes and meetings with her own or favorite composers' songs. "I dreamed at four years old of becoming a famous singing star. I gave it up when I had kids. Now I'm 50 years old and I'm releasing my first CD!" I guess you could say that to get to the core of Judi Neal, all you have to do is read the screen

saver on her home computer "The Universe pays me for being who I am and doing what I love doing."



WHAT IS SPIRITUALITY AT WORK?

As Judi explains "spirituality at work is not so much about a religious experience as about feeling centered and content with who we are and where we are going. We realize we are not defined by our jobs, our next promotion or whether we have finally moved into the big corner office with the fantastic view. Our sense of who we are is defined within our core."

"Some HR managers are terrified of the S-word, spirituality, because they confuse it with the R-word, religion," Judi reveals. Although some advocates of greater workplace spirituality are active in

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religious groups, almost all are strongly against promoting religion in the workplace. Even holding a bible-study class in a meeting room after hours can place the business in dangerous legal territory.

While organized religion often looks outward, depending on rites and scripture, spirituality looks inward. Its goal is greater personal awareness of universal values, helping an individual live and work better and more joyfully.

Why now?

It is a time of enormous change. The intense global competition has caused a continuous stream of abrupt changes in some industries. Managers are struggling to survive amidst the permanent turbulence and told to thrive in chaos. Reengineering, downsizing and total quality management are attempted again and again, but with a disappointing success rate. What is lacking, according to management consultants, are programs which speak to the soul of workers, that innermost part of them.

There is a widespread feeling that the workplace has become an insecure environment. In an attempt to make corporate America friendlier and more creative, many HR managers are now starting to tap into employees' spirituality.

In addition to the "unfriendly workplace," there are other trends that may help to explain corporate and individual interest in spirituality:

- The graying workforce, particularly at management levels. Many baby boomers are now experiencing a feeling that their spiritual side has been dormant for too long, and realize science and technology can't solve every business problem.
- The diminishing influence of groups that once provided spiritual support—churches,

civic groups, and the extended family. The workplace today provides the only consistent link to other people and the basic human needs for connection and contribution.

How do you express your spirituality at work?

When asked for examples of spiritual expression at work Judi Neal often refers to UNH's duplication clerk, Maureen Chase. Maureen's office is filled with poems, prayers, stuffed animals and pictures of her family. According to Judi, "when someone walks up to her desk her face lights up, she seems to embrace the person with her positive energy." For many, spirituality can mean sharing an inspirational message. For others, expressing their spirituality has meant profound job shifts, even to the point of changing jobs.

While the search to express our spiritual core is no small

task, the big challenge seems to be: How do we convince our CEO's, vice presidents and other executives that a company will be more powerful and profitable with a work force that knows meaning and purpose? There is evidence that people-oriented and value-driven companies outperform their competitors, according to Terrance Deal, coauthor of *Leading with a Soul: An Uncommon Journey of Spirit*. "We're trying to argue that the heart is really what leadership is about, and the soul of the company is going to be its competitive edge."

The fact is—corporate leaders must deal with human emotions and motivations, as well as the typical focus on profits and expenses to win real employee support.

Today's businesses must create an environment of purpose, ownership, responsibility and creativity as a way to invest in the bottomline.

How to start a Spirit at Work Discussion group

(excerpt from *Spirit at Work* Newsletter, January 1997)

How do you get started? What do you talk about at the first meeting? Here are several suggestions from Judi Neal. Some of them are more appropriate for large groups, and other work better in small groups.

- 1) Hold a planning meeting to discuss how often you want to meet, how long the meetings will be, and what topics people are interested in exploring. Most groups I am aware of meet once a month for one or two hours.
- 2) Invite a speaker to talk about spirituality in the workplace. Many of the people who have written articles for this newsletter are also well-known speakers with national reputations.
- 3) Invite a speaker who has experience with discussion groups to talk to your group about what works for them. Some of the people who have this kind of experience are Martin Rutte, Richard Barret, and Sharon Stocker.
- 4) Have group members discuss what interests them about the idea of spirituality.
- 5) Ask each group member to define what spirituality means to them.
- 6) Invite group members to share stories of experiences they have had with spirituality in the workplace.
- 7) Have the group explore the question "what brings you joy in your work?"

I have found that people are hungry to talk with others about these kinds of things and that all you have to do is ask a question and then honor each person for their answer.

For More Information on Spirituality in the Workplace you can reach Judi Neal at The Center for Spirit at Work at (203) 932-7372 or e-mail her at: JNeal68321@aol.com.

Funding the Future

UNH's Department of Grants, Research and Sponsored Programs is pleased to present some of the recently awarded grants.



program is funded, by a grant of approximately \$502,550 from the Connecticut Department of Education's Connecticut Collegiate Awareness and Preparation Program, over a five year period.

Multi-Media Education Opportunities

UNH, in conjunction with TECH-CONN (Technology for Connecticut), and Sonalysts, Inc., is developing a multi-media lesson plan system for four school districts in the East Hartford area. Sonalysts, Inc. is developing the software with input from UNH faculty and experts. The UNH program manager of this \$20,000 sub-contract, **Dr. Jerry Lamb**, will oversee this unique opportunity for UNH to be at the forefront of multi-media education. The university is assisting in the design of on-line tutorials and conducting teacher training sessions.



"University of New Haven Scholars of the 21st Century"

UNH has been a pioneer and leader in pre-college programming for minority students in Connecticut. In keeping with that tradition, Associate Professor and Project Director, **Dr. Matthew Sanders** is leading a summer program for eighth- and ninth-grade students in the Greater New Haven area. The six-week program is designed to encourage students to continue a pre-college curriculum, which will prepare them for admission to college. The program provides students with hands-on, science-based curriculum and exposure to positive role models in the fields of engineering, science, mathematics, education, and business. It also provides specially trained UNH graduate-level interns the opportunity to practice their skills in science and math classrooms. The

Olin Foundation – Library Grant

The Peterson Library has been awarded a grant of \$252,089 from the Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin Foundation to fully computerize the university's library. This generous grant will cover the entire project, from converting the card catalog to installing internet capabilities to existing library computers. Computerizing the library's functions will streamline procedures in virtually every library department, as well as make the library more accessible and appealing to UNH students and the West Haven community. Head Librarian and Project Manager, **Hanko Dobi**, intends the system to be completed by the summer of 1998.

UNH Victims' Rights Center Collaboration with Statewide Victim Services Program

UNH has been granted \$50,000 to assist the Connecticut Department of Corrections in the development of a comprehensive victim services program. The UNH Center for the Study of Crime Victims' Rights, Remedies, and Resources (UNH Victim Center) and the Department of Criminal Justice, under the leadership of **Dr. Mario Gaboury**, provides research, strategic planning, training services and development of volunteer management programs. These services seek to build the capacity within the Department of Correction to evaluate and enhance its victim services programs.



Robert Wnek, accounting department chair, left, and Peter Redding accept grants from CSCPA educational trust fund trustee Elaine F. Thompson.

UNH Accounting Department, Accounting Club receive grants.

On October 10, representatives of the Educational Trust Fund of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA) recently presented grants to both the accounting department and the accounting club. These presentations were made during the annual joint dinner meeting of the CSCPA Educational Trust Fund and CSCPA Relations with Colleges and Universities Committee.

The CSCPA Educational Trust Fund was established more than 40 years ago to foster accounting education in the state by establishing scholarships, fellowships, libraries, speakers bureaus, and other methods of improving the education and techniques of prospective members.

Engineering a New Life for New Haven's Carousel



For many of the UNH's mechanical engineering students, this class project was a horse of a different color: Find a cost effective way to repair the Lighthouse Point Park Carousel.

The 40,000 pound carousel consists of 69 horses, two dragon chariots, one camel, 20 pastoral paintings, 90 beveled mirrors and 40 painted scenes. The project involved redesigning and replacing the carousel's 100-year-old main drive and electrical system with a friction tire drive. The project, which took approximately six months to complete, was under the

direction of Professor Oleg Faigel.

The old gear system consisted of a 15-foot diameter internal gear, driven by a smaller, 16-inch gear. At the onset of the project, the students contacted ten large gear manufacturers in the U.S. One company said they could replace the gears for a price of \$50,000.

From there, the students worked in groups to complete an engineering study, determine a more cost-effective way to accomplish the project, then manufacture and install the replacement parts.

For about \$100, they purchased

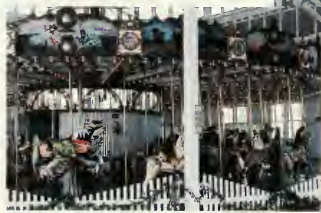
four 16-inch rubber tires, one of which replaced the gear, the others have been retained as spares.

According to Dr. Faigel, aside from the cost advantage, the tire is easy to replace, operates quietly and is smooth running.

The students also designed and installed a like-new electrical entertainment system which allows the carousel's 660 light bulbs to blink in various patterns. There are also spotlights in four corners of the rotating carousel which reflect red, green and yellow lights off a 16-inch mirror ball suspended from the building ceiling.

Professor Faigel had three reasons for wanting his students to undertake the project: to give them the opportunity to resolve problems which come from the industrial field as opposed to a textbook; to give them the opportunity to use their knowledge prior to applying for jobs; and to provide their prospective employers with tangible evidence of the student's abilities.

Upon completion of the project, the New Haven Department of Parks, Recreation and Trees, director Frank Williams rewarded the students' hardwork and dedication by treating them to a picnic in their honor at Lighthouse Point Park. "It's fantastic," Williams said. "They saved us a lot of money and a lot of headache."



Lighthouse Point Park Carousel.



Dr. Oleg Faigel, professor of mechanical engineering, gears up for a ride on the newly refurbished carousel.



Left inset: SNET line maintenance truck before the makeover

Mechanical Engineering seniors Billy Knotts and Matt Howlett, drive across the finishline.

Below: "ReCharger" ready for action.

Electric Car Project Sparks Creative Energy

by Dr. Sam Bogan, mechanical & materials engineering



The School of Engineering & Applied Science and the Electric Vehicle Group, founded in 1996 and sponsored by the mechanical engineering department, achieved what most thought impossible. They took an old gasoline powered vehicle at the end of its life and transformed it into a modern, zero-emissions vehicle that would compete with production electric automobiles from Ford, Toyota, and Solectria. They then christened it: ReCharger.

In the fall of 1996, a team of ten dedicated engineering students, committed to successfully competing in the 1997 American Tour de Sol, started the EV group. They parked cars at the Durham fair, wrote proposals to companies and solicited funds from alumni. By the early fall they raised sufficient funds to purchase a light truck and the necessary tools to start on the project. They selected a 1984 Ford Ranger and former SNET line maintenance truck that still bore the familiar cap and ladder racks.

The students stripped the vehicle down to the frame and proceeded to fix all of the bodywork and replace the entire brake system with parts donated by a very generous Echlin, Inc. The DC motor, controller and batteries came later, as donations from companies and alumni continued to roll in. Towards the end of April, all needed parts had arrived. The task of putting together the vehicle seemed overwhelming. Bob McDonald, mechanical engineering technician extraordinaire, guided the students in marathon days and nights to complete the vehicle in time for the competition. With only days to go before the race, it rolled out of the M.E. thermo-fluids lab on its own power and proceeded to amaze the entire

University as it went through basic testing in the parking lots. Two days later it was registered after being inspected by the DMV as a modern, zero-emissions electric vehicle.

The Tour de Sol race events began in Waterbury on May 17 with Cornell, Penn State, Dartmouth, Swarthmore, University of California, and the University of New Haven among the collegiate contestants. SNET helped set up an Internet access site with computers from the Computer Aided Engineering Center and Dan Laudano's assistance. Harry Gough of the Connecticut DMV, whose valuable comments, suggestions and assistance were gratefully acknowledged, stopped by to wish the team well.

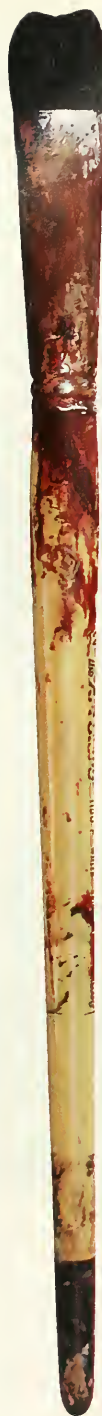
ReCharger was one of the few vehicles in the race that actually went through a state inspection and registration as an electric vehicle. Most competitors ran on municipal plates, state plates, or plates provided when the vehicle was gasoline powered.

For three days, ReCharger was displayed to the public. Hundreds of visitors and students stopped by the UNH team tent to access the Internet and view the truck. On Monday, many of the area public schools sent their school busses fully loaded to view the competition, as thousands more eventually did at all the stops along the course of the race. ReCharger is an attractive and highly complemented utility vehicle. She attracted considerable attention. The first two days of extensive testing for safety, performance, and practicality resulted in the vehicle being ranked second-best

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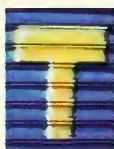


Electric Car Kickoff Meeting. All students involved from Engineering enjoy a pizza break.



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Art Gallery



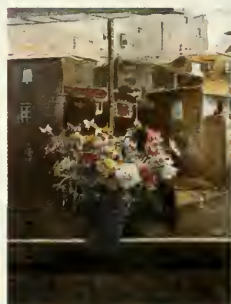
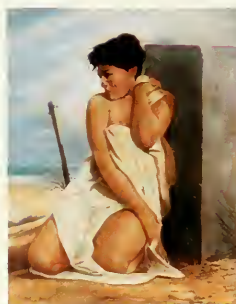
The University of New Haven Art Gallery, which reopened last spring, announces its fall-spring gallery schedule. The gallery's season is now well underway and has

already featured assistant director of alumni relations Liz Berniel's drawings and paintings. An exhibition running from September through October featured works from four area artists: Robert Alberetti's oil paintings, John Falato's oil paintings and water colors, Nicholas Scalise's water colors and Marc Anthony Massaro's sculpture and oil paintings. Listed below is the schedule of exhibits for the remaining gallery season.

The Gallery at the University of New Haven, Dodds Hall, 300 Orange Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

Gallery Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11:30 am - 3:30 pm. Schedule subject to change without notice

For further information, contact Ms. Nancy Ronne, (203) 932-7236



Upper left - "Race Point Beach - Provincetown, MA, by Marc Massaro; upper right - "Morning Light - Ceriana, Italy," by Nick Scalise; lower left - "The Studio - Weir Farm," by John Falato; lower right - "Past Present," by Robert Alberetti

Fall-Spring Gallery Schedule

Thurs., Nov. 13, 1997 — Thurs., Dec. 18, 1997

★ David Millen (sculpture) and

★ John Massimino (watercolors)

Opening Reception - Sun., Nov. 16, 1997, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 29, 1998 — Thurs., Mar. 5, 1998

★ Leo Jensen (sculpture and paintings) and

★ Dalia Ramananska (pen and ink drawings)

Open Reception - Sun., Feb. 1, 1998, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Thurs., Mar. 19, 1998 — Thurs., April 23, 1998

★ Juried Art Show

Opening Reception - Sun., Mar. 22, 1998, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Thurs., April 30, 1998 — Thurs., May 21, 1998

★ Student Art Show

Opening Reception - Thurs., April 30, 1998 - 2:00-4:00 p.m.



Orchestra New England begins 24th Season



Orchestra New England, in residence at UNH, is celebrating their 24th season of

performing traditional and contemporary music for small orchestra. October 4th was the kick-off of the season and the first in a series of six concerts. This season of concerts will pay tribute to American music of the 20th century. All concerts will include at least one selection by an American composer, including Aaron

Copland, Charles Ives, George Gershwin and others. It will also include a piece by contemporary American composer, Michael Daugherty, which pays tribute to Elvis Presley.

The orchestra is made up of 24 players, one-third of whom also play with the New Haven Symphony Orchestra. James Sinclair, music director and conductor, is entering his 24th season with O.N.E. According to Sinclair, this season's concerts are intended to refresh the

concert-going public's connection to 20th-century music as the century nears its end. Of special note is the recognition of the 100th anniversary next year of Connecticut native and

composer Charles Ives' Yale graduation. It will also mark the 50th anniversary of Ives' winning the Pulitzer



Prize for Symphony No. 3, which O.N.E. will play March 21. Sinclair, a leading Ives scholar, is the executive editor of an edition of the complete

work of Ives, to be published next year.

Orchestra New England performs at Battell Chapel on the campus of Yale University, corner of College and Elm Streets in New Haven. Concerts are at 8:00 p.m. Season and single tickets are available at the door or by calling the orchestra's 24-hour information/reservation line at (203) 932-7180.

Food For Thought



Meet The Institute of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts. The Institute serves to bring together

people with a common passion: the love of food. It also serves to expand one's taste habits and food habits in a global environment and provides a forum upon which arts and sciences can be studied through the thematic lens of

food. Finally, it provides a forum to test, monitor, develop and explore new possibilities in organization, leadership, and management. This program is designed for food writers, hobbyist cooks, restaurant owners, second career seekers, and high school students seeking a new and challenging career path.

The program is under the direction of Patrick Boisjot who has apprenticed and worked in numerous hotels and restaurants near his hometown of Lyon, the gastronomic capital of France. After receiving

his bachelor degrees from the prestigious Lycee Hotelier de Thonon-les-Bains



Patrick Boisjot, director, The Institute of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts

near Geneva, and New York State University, he worked as the head chef at the French Embassy and the French Culinary Institute in New York. In 1989 Mr. Boisjot became the French Culinary Institute's executive director. He is the former owner of Le Petit Cafe in

Brantford, Connecticut.

Requirements for the program include: 150 hours of hands on cooking practicum in small classes (eight people per class) and 60 hours of interactive classes, spread out over a 15-week period. Classes will meet two days per week. Featured workshops by world-

renowned experts include ethnic cooking and pastry making. Practice along-side master chefs, tour quality hotels and restaurants, wineries and breweries, and enjoy field trips to farms, forests and markets.

Participants receive a national certificate in food handling recognized by the state of Connecticut as well as a certificate of mastery in basic techniques and theories of cooking. In addition, the six college credits earned can be applied to a degree program at the university.

Tuition for the program is \$3,850. This includes food, field trips, seminars, and workshops. For more information about the program contact the School of Hotel, Restaurant, Tourism and Dietetic Administration at (203) 932-7362.



In the Center Ring

Craig Mortali—The Greatest's Greatest Fan

by Lucy Twarkins

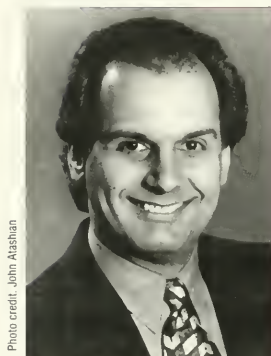


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Craig Mortali

The Flyweight Years

What do you get when you combine the motivation of an athlete, the passion of a sports fanatic and the creativity of an artist? Right, Craig Mortali, ESPN's Sports Emmy and Cable Ace Award winning producer of *Sportscenter* and *Outside the Lines*. And contrary to popular belief, boxing is not his favorite sport—football is! Born a New York Giants fan, Craig nostalgically recalls his childhood spent impersonating favorite Giants' running back, Ron Johnson. The backyard landscape marked the goal posts and the 50 yard line. Craig, with the dah—dah dah dah music of



the Marlboro cigarette commercial humming in his ears, would direct his neighborhood buddies in the re-enactment of the just seen first-half plays. These backyard scrimmages were obvious early signs of Craig's aptitude for sports production.

Craig's childhood revolved around playing in football, baseball and basketball league games. It was in junior high school football that Craig showed an even stronger propensity for sports production. According to his father, Craig was unhappy with the standard issue white helmet, so he proceeded to paint a design. The coach told Craig he could play in a white helmet like the rest of the team or put the same design on all the helmets. That year the junior high team charged out on the field with the best looking helmets in North Haven courtesy of Craig.

He was a devoted fan of ABC's *Wide World of Sports*, the icing on the cake for any sports buff. The "thrill of victory and agony of defeat," Jim McKay, Howard Cosell—well, what more could a budding sports producer ask for? Every sports event was fodder for the young Craig. But, when it came to boxing matches, he would just turn the channel—except if it was a Muhammad Ali fight. For the young athlete—watching an Ali fight was more than just a boxing

match—it was a lesson in sports entertainment. Not just your average Ali fan, his Dad recalls the basement walls being "papered with just about every article written about Muhammad Ali." Then there were Craig's drawings of Ali's fights and even a painting. Craig recalls waking up from dreams in which he was a part of Ali's entourage. Again, not just your average Ali fan.

And so it was that Muhammad Ali, while "floating like a butterfly and stinging like a bee," fueled the motivation, passion and creativity in Craig Mortali to eventually earn him the coveted position as *Sportscenter* producer at ESPN, a premier sports network station. Craig affirms "Muhammad Ali was definitely responsible for my drive and motivation to become a sports producer." But first he had to get playing sports out of his system.



The Super Middleweight Years

Cousin Tony Mortali's position as UNH Charger's assistant football coach helped to influence Craig's college selection. According to cousin Tony "Craig was a good full-back...one of the better players in North Haven at the time" and UNH had a respectable Division II football team that could use him. Craig signed on as a Charger and began pre-season practice. But something happened the day before classes started. "I quit the team. I'd just had enough of the practices" Craig shrugs. So he hung up his shoulder pads and started four years at UNH as a communication major minus the uniform.

Sports was now taking a new direction in Craig's life. And there was another reason why he chose to come to UNH—"I really liked the radio station, WNHU. I thought they played cool music when I was in high school." As a communication major he was able to return to the gridiron as a sports reporter for WNHU without all the practices. By the time he became sports director in his

*"As a sports producer,
Mortali's a heavyweight,
as a friend,
he's in a class by himself."*

MUHAMMAD ALI

senior year, Craig called plays for everything from Charger football, basketball and baseball games to covering the New Haven Nighthawks hockey game. But it wasn't all just fun and games. Craig learned an important job skill at the radio station—"it was where I learned about editing. It was the most valuable experience for my career." With this training and his determination to work in sports he landed an internship at the fledgling sports network ESPN. Communication professor Steve Raucher, whom Craig credits for teaching him the important basics of editing, has this to say about his former student:

"He's the success story we like to predict. As a student, Craig was anxious to learn. He worked hard...had fun with it...always took on extra work which turned his internship at ESPN into a successful career."

The Heavyweight Years (unlimited)

Working his way up over the years from a commercial logger to associate producer for "NFL Gameday" and "NFL Primetime" it was when he read the book *Muhammad Ali: His Life and Times* by

Thomas Hauser that he knew. He knew it was time to show the world the real Ali. Ali finally revealed in Hauser's book the cause of the Parkinson-like symptoms he was afflicted with—too many blows to the head! The devoted fan he was, Craig knew Muhammad Ali too well. He was not the pitiful symbol of a

violent sport, the butterfly and bee were still there, they just stopped stinging and floating. It was time.

A chance meeting at a fight with Tom Hauser opened the door for Craig. Hauser revealed to Craig that it was actually pretty easy to get in touch with Ali—"just call his best friend Howard Bingham." Hauser added "You should go with him on a trip with ESPN, bring your cameras. It would make a great story." No kidding!

It took one phone call to Howard and Craig was arranging to meet Ali at the LaGuardia airport the following week. According to Bingham, Ali was flying in to attend a function at the UN. With a cameraman in tow, Craig met Muhammad Ali for the first time. Keeping pace with his hero's entourage Craig exclaims "I've been waiting 31 years for this. I really appreciate you doing this." Ali leans over to Craig and replies "You must be getting old."

For the next nine months, when Howard called, Craig came running. From a Harlem barbershop, to the White House to Ali's home in Michigan, bits and pieces of footage were starting to tell a story: Ali



Craig Mortali on the job at ESPN.

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Craig interviews Giant's linebacker Gary Reasons for NFL Primetime in Tampa, Florida at Superbowl XXV.

In the Center Ring

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greeting adoring fans at a convention or in an airport, jukin' and jivin' with old friends downtown, sparring for the camera in a hotel at the end of a long day. This was not just a three or four minute feature but a full-fledged show. A show that this time would not

focus on Ali the fighter, but Ali the man—and still the greatest.

During this time a bond was beginning to form between Ali and Craig. Not just a professional working relationship but a genuine friendship. Ali trusted Craig enough to let him witness the Parkinson's symptoms that crept up after a long, tiring day. Like a good friend, Craig would often scold Ali "You didn't take your medicine did you?" Yes, this was more than a working relationship, more than good buddies—they were kindred spirits. As his father confirms "what we're really proud of is the fact that thousands of people have done stories on Muhammad Ali. But Craig developed a very strong kinship with Ali that's lasted five years now. The kind of friendship that has come out of this is amazing."



Mantlepiece favorites of Craig's parents.

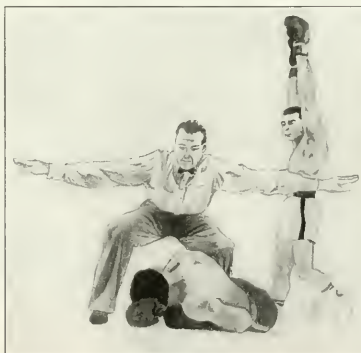
The Knock Out

On February 25, 1994, "Outside The Lines—Muhammad Ali: Still the Greatest" was aired to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Ali's first heavy-weight title win against Sonny Liston. Craig waited anxiously by the phone for his call. Did Ali like it? Did I accurately represent the man he is today? He picked up the phone on the first ring "Muhammad, what do you think? Did you like it?" He could almost hear the smile

when Ali replied "It was perfect. It was perfect. You're not as dumb as you look!"

ESPN received a Cable Ace Award in the Sports Information Special category for the Ali story. Craig received a promotion to producer. At a Parkinsons benefit Craig was attending with Ali, he asked Howard to introduce him to Roone Arledge, legendary sports producer and current president of ABC News. Upon meeting him, Craig confessed to Arledge "Listen, I gotta thank you. If it weren't for you and the Wide World of Sports and that guy (pointing to Ali) I'd never have gotten into this business." Arledge replied "If it weren't for Ali, we wouldn't have made it either."

Editor's Note: Craig has not yet hung up his producer's gloves as there are currently two Cable Ace Awards pending and a recently won Emmy (his 5th) for Sportscenter.



Craig illustrates his artistic talent in this drawing of an Ali fight.



Electric Car Project Sparks Creative Energy

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of all non-production vehicles. For the first EV built by UNH, this was the most important success of the entire year, and a great compliment to all involved. The top-ranked vehicle was a highly refined GM-Saturn from the University of California-Chico using a significant investment in advanced NiMH batteries.

The team left Waterbury on Monday, May 19 and raced 69.8 miles to Smith Vocational School in Northampton, MA. On Tuesday they went on to Greenfield, MA and Bellows Falls, VT where Lt. Governor Racine spoke to gathered students as the race contestants arrived. Scenic White River Junction, VT was next, where Senators and state officials spoke of the importance of electric vehicles. From White River Junction they traveled to Lincoln, NH and the beautiful Loon Mountain Ski Resort where a spectacular rainbow greeted their arrival. They managed to correct a recharging problem and flew up the most challenging hill of the race, the spectacular Kancamagus Highway. It has an initial twelve-mile climb to the top of the pass, before proceeding to the downhill.

The view was incredible from the top of the mountains still heavy with winter snow. Dr. Bogan even spotted a young moose grazing along the highway. North Conway, NH proved to be one of the most interesting stops, in front of an 1800's train station with a working roundhouse and numerous antique trains still in operation. The final leg of the trip was to the finish line in downtown Portland, Maine and the autocross competition. The team raced through the slalom course, pushing the motor, batteries, tires, and driver to their limits. It was an exciting day for everyone while they celebrated their comple-

tion of the race. Unfortunately, the seniors had already headed home to UNH graduation ceremonies to receive their diplomas.

The EV group project was so successful that current plans include extensive modifications to the Ford Ranger for the May 1998 race from Manhattan to Washington, D.C. To advance the project,



the team plans to rear-mount the motor via a trans-axle and relocate the battery pack from the pick-up bed to a cradle between the frame rails. This will improve performance and increase both payload capacity and utility. In an effort to extend the driving range, now approximately 80 miles per charge, the focus will be on weight reduction, improved aerodynamics, and a recuperative energy braking system now under design. Major weight reduction is a primary concern since the Ranger now weighs 4400 pounds. The team feels strongly that these objectives can be met, in part, by utilizing an advanced technology storage system such as the NiMH battery in lieu of the conventional lead-acid batteries now employed. While on tour, they noticed that the truck, with the exception of the factory-produced 1998 Ford Ranger EV (which did not compete), was the only one of its kind. This affords the team the opportunity to become a front runner in



President DeNardis and members of the "ReCharger" team admire the finished product.

this category, provided they can generate the support necessary to advance the campaign.

In addition to the Ford Ranger, they are developing plans to build a Ford GT40 MkII. This is the car Ford developed in the 1960's to defeat Ferrari at Le Mans. They would also like to construct a facility of approximately one thousand five hundred square feet in the engineering building. This would serve as a development center for the program and provide a

much-needed workspace for students to support these unique and exciting activities. They have just obtained four old golf carts that are now being renovated, modified and donated to security and maintenance for on-campus use.

The success of the program has been met with such enthusiasm, by faculty and students alike, that its continuation is assured, and in all probability will become a part of the curriculum in the future.

UNH Abroad... Join us on a trip to Italy!

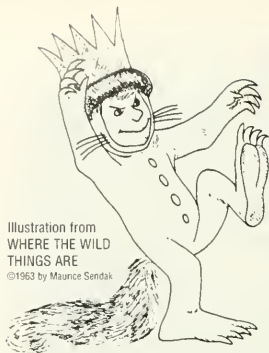


Say Ciao to the winter blahs and join your fellow alumni on a trip to Italy this March! We'll spend three nights in Rome, two in Florence, and two in Venice. Our travel package includes transatlantic transportation, overnight accommodations in three and four-

star hotels, professional guided sight-seeing stops, and group motor-coach. Highlights of the trip include visits to the Vatican museums, St. Francis' Assisi, medieval Perugia, stops in Renaissance Florence, and admission to the Uffizi and the Bargello museums!

Call the Alumni Office at (203) 932-7270 for a full itinerary and trip costs.

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Once Upon a Communication Degree

Paul Gagne's career reads like a storybook.

by Mimi Houston

Paul Gagne, class of '78, is remembering the night he won the Andrew Carnegie Award for Excellence in children's video.

My wife and I were walking around in New York City, and I had the award in my pocket," he smiles. "It's a big round medallion, almost like an Olympic medal, and I didn't want to leave it in our hotel room. I remember suddenly finding ourselves in front of Carnegie Hall, and looking up to see Andrew Carnegie's name chiseled into the building. Only then did the reality of the magnitude of this award—and what it really meant—hit me."

Gagne received the award for producing the film adaptation of "Owen," the popular children's book that tells the story of a little mouse—narrated by Broadway-film diva Sara Jessica Parker—who is attached to his old blanket named Fuzzy. Problem is, Fuzzy isn't so fuzzy anymore—he's pretty old and ratty. Owen is getting ready to begin the first grade, and his parents don't want him carrying Fuzzy to school. Plus, there's that nosy neighbor, Mrs. Tweezers, who can't keep herself out of the family's business, telling Owen's parents that Owen is too big to carry around a blanket. The family is perplexed until

Owen's mother comes up with a brilliant idea that saves the day (I won't spoil it for you!)

"Owen was a great project to work on, and it was completed just in time to be entered in last year's awards.

In fact," Paul remembers, "we'd just completed it, and two weeks later I had a message on my phone telling me I'd won the award."

After the initial shock wore off, Paul remembers not being too surprised. "The quality of the work we do here at Weston Woods Studios speaks for itself," he assures. "The authors always love what we do with their books. They and their publishers are delighted to have us do the film adaptations."

Weston Woods Studios is located in Westport, in an airy, clean building with country views and a patio with picnic tables where one might dream up some creative ideas, or just have a bit of lunch.

A bit up the road is the studio's original location—the Weston home of founder Morton Schindel—a picture-book country sanctuary. In 1953, his company began creating film versions of popular children's books, that remained true to the original art style, to promote the love of books and reading in children. These films—such as *Make Way for Ducklings*, *Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel* and *The Story About Ping* were featured on Captain Kangaroo.

Meryl Streep gracefully brings her talents to "Chrysanthemum," a story that became a favorite of her 5-year-old.



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"We seek the best books from all over the world," his mission statement begins, "and adapt them in such a way as to preserve the integrity of the original. By doing so, we help children discover the riches that are trapped between the covers of books, and motivate them to want to read for themselves."

Gagne is well-entrenched in the original goals of the founder, as is the company's new owner, Scholastic, Inc. the world's largest publisher of children's books. He began his career here in 1978 as a sound editor, after graduating from UNH with a degree in communication. While he has done numerous free lance projects (and has written a book: *The Zombies That Ate Pittsburgh: The Films of George A. Romero*), it's the only full-time job he has ever had.

"One of the reasons I got this job was because of my experience in sound editing that I gained while working at WNHU, the university's radio station. I was a DJ there every Saturday from 8 am to 11 am."

"You know," he laughs, "I still have this recurring dream—I'm about to go on the air at WNHU, and there are no records for me to play. I have, like, five minutes to go, and I'm thinking 'What am I going to do?'"

He also hosted a

music program once a week, where he interviewed some of the hottest bands, like POCO. For his work at the station, he won Broadcaster of the Year in 1978.

Paul not only found a career doing what he loves at UNH, he also found a family.

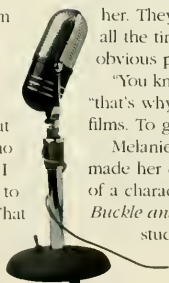
"Yes," he explains, "I met my wife Lynn in one of my communication classes. She was a year behind me." They were married four years after she graduated, and they now have two daughters, Melanie, six, and Brianna, three.

"For years my wife worked here with me at Weston Woods. Then we had our first child and she continued to work here part-time," Paul says. Now that the couple have two children, Lynn stays home with the girls who are, by the way, thrilled with the family vocation.

"Are you kidding me?" Paul enthuses, "They love it. We have so many books the house is like a library. Melanie just had this contest at school to see who could read the most books. She read double the amount of the kid that came closest to her. They're both reading—all the time," he says with obvious pride.

"You know," he later reflects, "that's why we make these films. To get kids reading."

Melanie has even recently made her debut as the voice of a character in *Officer Buckle and Gloria*, the studio's next serious Carnegie Award



Sarah Jessica Parker brings "Owen" to life.

contender. "Oh, God, she loved it. She's the ham in the family. She just sees a microphone and she wants to be in the front of it," he laughs.

Officer Buckle, one of today's most popular children's books, features John Lithgow as narrator. The studio's work has gained the respect of numerous personalities who are more than pleased to offer their talents.

"We've done films with James Earl Jones, Mary Beth Hurt," he says, "and we have a number of new projects coming up like *Chicken Little* with Helen Hunt and *Goodnight Gorilla* with Anthony Edwards," says Gagne.

Award-winning composers have written original scores for the studio's films based on books from the likes of Maurice Sendak, Tomie dePaolo, Ezra Jack Keats, William Steig and Beatrix Potter.

Another recognizable voice in front of the microphone for *Chrysanthemum*, the current, very popular story of a little mouse and her struggle with her name, is

Meryl Streep, who narrates the film.

"I sent the book to Meryl on a lark," remembers Paul. "I really wanted her to do it, but I figured she'd be too busy to even look at it. I sent it to her agent who passed it along to her personal assistant. Her assistant was familiar with the work of Weston Woods Studios, and she suggested Meryl take a look at it."

"Meryl took the book home and read it to her five-year-old daughter who wanted to hear it again and again and again. That convinced her. She called us and

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said she'd love to do it!"

"It was the smoothest recording session I've ever been to," Paul remembers, on meeting and working with Meryl. "She had already had all of the characters voices down because she'd read it so many times to her daughter.

She breezed in, and recorded the story in about half the time it normally takes for us to do the narration, and then breezed out again. Obviously she had a million other things to do!"



Mary Beth Hurt taking direction from Paul for the "Noisy Nora" recording session.

The studio's films are iconographic—photographed directly from the original book illustrations with simple camera moves added—or animated. Always, the main goals is to match the look of the films as closely as possible to the original look of the book. The style used will depend upon which will compliment the book's style the most. Artists are contracted to provide the drawings for the animated films. The studio uses a husband and wife team in Middletown, Virginia Wikos and Ty Varszegi, for many of them, and until recently the now-retired Gene Deitch, an American living in Czechoslovakia. Deitch's relationship

with the studio began back in 1968, after he had already won an academy award for a short film entitled *Munro*. He may be more familiar to most of us as the creator of the Tom Terrific cartoons for the Captain Kangaroo Show.

Whatever the style, the end result is always the same—a film that wins the accolades of all involved, and especially, the authors of the original properties.

"All of the authors we work with are so appreciative of this," Paul emphasizes. "One of the primary reasons we get to work on their properties is because we're dedicated to preserving what they did—in each of the film representations.

"Peggy Rathmann (a prolific and well-loved children's author) had one of her books animated—by another producer who paid a lot more for the rights than what we pay authors. She was so disappointed with the resulting film because it was turned into something that looked like a Saturday morning cartoon. But we bought the rights to another property and she went on and on about how satisfying it was to work with Weston Woods. We felt an especially strong connection to her because she told us the reason she's writing and illustrating children's books is because she grew up watching our original films on Captain Kangaroo.



James Earl Jones lends his famous voice to "Who's in Rabbit's House?"

Paul has also worked on documentaries for Weston Woods.

Most recently, he coproduced and directed a film on the life and work of the beloved author, Beatrix Potter. *Beatrix Potter: Artist, Storyteller and Countrywoman*, narrated by Lynn Redgrave, ran on A&E for two years and is the recipient of numerous awards.

In fact, the studio's list of awards, besides Paul's recent Carnegie award, would make a story in itself—with many films winning the Parent's Choice Award, and other prestigious national and international awards.

With the acquisition of Weston Woods by Scholastic, Paul sees the future of the company expanding to unpredictable heights. Plans include building a niche for Weston Woods' films in the home video market, and a children's television program showcasing the studio's films. Wherever the future leads them, one thing is sure, Weston Woods Studios will never relinquish their goal of creating the world's finest children's films based on the world's finest children's books.

And having already won the field's equivalent of the academy award, Paul is settling into a career that defines itself in excellence.

"Do you ever have to pinch yourself and say 'wow, this is real?' I asked him recently.

"Not really," he says with characteristic, quiet certitude. "It took me a long, long time to get to this point. I've gotten to where I wanted to be, over the past 19 years. It just feels good."

Then he excused himself—politely. There was a soundtrack to finish mixing for a film to be released. "This is kind of a busy time for us," he explains. "We have a new film coming out every week for the next month."

And with that, he disappeared into his studio to make some magic.

Alumni Club Page



Enjoying the New Haven Alumni Club reception held at the Rusty Scupper last August were from left: Ray Fida '70, club president Jim Pallman '71, alumni assistant director Liz Bermel, club vice president Charice Paulk '86, and Brian Elliott '94.

New Haven Alumni Club

1997-98 Officers

Jim Pallman BS'71, President
Charice Paulk BS'86, Vice-President
John Winkelman BS'91, Treasurer
John Jennings BS'82, Secretary

The New Haven Alumni Club has been very active throughout the past year. **Cocktails & Networking**, an ongoing bi-monthly "happy hour" event held at area restaurants have brought local alumni together. In May, the club held its first Family Night at the New Haven Ravens. Twenty-seven alumni and their families attended the bar-b-que and baseball game.

Cocktails & Networking events this year will be held on:

- **Wednesday, December 3, 1997, 5 - 7pm**
Knickerbocker's Bar & Restaurant
Connecticut Post Mall, Milford, CT
(Exit 39 South, right into Mall)
- **Wednesday, February 4, 1998, 5 - 7pm**
Christopher John Michaels Restaurant
313 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT
(Exit 43 off I-95, next to Mantilia Motors)
- **Wednesday, April 1, 1998, 5 - 7pm**
Colonial Tymes Restaurant
2389 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT
(Across from Hamden Mart @ Skiff Street)

Alumni Club of SECT

1997-98 Officers

Al Ferdinandsen BS'79, MBA'83 President
Bob Smith MBA'89, Vice President
Linda Morales BS'88, Secretary
Carmine DeStefano MBA '95, Treasurer

Club leaders are compiling the results of a summer survey of Southeastern Connecticut alumni about future club programs and activities. Watch your mailbox for survey results and future club events.

If you would like to get more information on any of the clubs and/or would like to get on the mailing list to receive invitations and information on upcoming events as they occur, please contact the Alumni Office at (203) 932-7270 or write: Office of Alumni Relations, UNH, 300 Orange Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516. Please indicate what club(s) you are interested in.

Fire Science Alumni Club

1997-98 Officers

Mark Petrone BS'93, President
David Beaton BS'93, Vice-President
Eric Kalapir BS'93, Treasurer
John Stofa BS'93, Secretary

The club is continuing to work directly with the fire science department on fundraising and social activities. Officers are trying to track down lost alumni—if you've been missing or haven't received any recent mailings from the club—please contact the Alumni Office at (203) 932-7270.

Shoreline Alumni Club

Ed Drew BS'75, MS'86, Contact person

The Shoreline Alumni Club is a regional club for alumni living and/or working in the shoreline towns of Branford, Stony Creek, Guilford, Madison, Clinton, Killingworth, Westbrook, Old Saybrook, Ivoryton, Lyme, Old Lyme, Deep River, Haddam, and Chester and is in the process of formation. We are looking for interested alumni to volunteer to sit on a steering committee to plan a spring reception. Any one interested can contact Liz Bermel in Alumni Relations at 932-7046.

Alumni Legacy Golf Tournament

Eighty-eight golfers participated in the first annual Alumni Legacy Golf Tournament at the New Haven Country Club, Monday, August 4. The tournament, which was sponsored by BankBoston, used a points format which allowed each of the golfers to play their own ball. There were four flights, A,B,C, and Calloway with prizes for Low Gross and Low Net awarded in each category. Additional prizes for Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, and Closest to the Line for both men and women were also awarded.

Hole-In-One prize incentives were offered on each of the four par threes including a \$10,000 prize on hole #9 sponsored by Primary Steel. Congratulations to Susan Coyne, EMBA'91 who won the cash in the 50/50 Closest to the Pin on 17.

The tournament, which was chaired by Jim Pallman BS'71, was begun to raise money for an Alumni Legacy Scholarship Fund and to help support the ongoing activities of the university's many regional clubs. Other committee members included, Bob Smith MBA'89, Mark Petrone BS'93, and Donald Moses BS'80. The committee offers a special thanks to reception sponsors Chemscope, Inc. and Yale/New Haven Hospital as well as the tee sponsors, product sponsors, and raffle sponsors who made the tournament a big success.

Next year's tournament will be held Monday, August 3, 1998 at the New Haven Country Club. We look forward to seeing you then!

Internet Access!

Now get up-to-date information of alumni activities

and events on the Internet! The University of New Haven website is <http://www.newhaven.edu>. Click on the Alumni button for a listing of upcoming events and information about alumni travel programs, homecoming, club programs, and many other activities!

Questions? Our E-mail address is alumni@charger.newhaven.edu
We'd love to hear from you!



Symposium of Managed Healthcare



Members of the Alliance Theatre perform a skit written by Dr. Jack Phalen, P.I.R., economics and finance, at the healthcare symposium.



Nancy Dickey, MD, president-elect of the American Medical Association, gives the keynote speech during the symposium luncheon.

On October 15, the Symposium for Managed Care of Health was presented, tackling many important issues about managing health care and devising new strategies to prepare for the future with the help of healthcare experts. The keynote speaker was Nancy Dickey, M.D., president-elect, American Medical Association. Other guest speakers included: Dr. Joseph Fins, Dr. Sherwin Nuland, Dr. Arnold Relman, and Thomas Chapman. The history of healthcare was creatively presented as a skit. Some of the topics addressed by the Alliance Theatre

included: finding who should be responsible for managing quality; maintaining fidelity in the era of capitation; and the future of the medical marketplace. In addition, there were four panels: the bio-medical ethics and access panel, quality of care panel, economics panel, and impact on society panel. The symposium was interesting, extremely informative, and well-attended.

America's Walk for Diabetes

Diabetes affects 200,000 men and women in Connecticut. Unfortunately, only half of those individuals know that they have the disease. That's why the America's Walk for Diabetes was created. Sponsored by Bayer Pharmaceuticals, the walk is a national, annual event. This year's walk took place at the Savin Rock Boardwalk and was the fourth biggest in the country, with 1,100 walkers. Bob Smith, of the American Diabetes Association states, "On behalf of the 200,000 people with diabetes in Connecticut, I would like to thank UNH for participating in the walk for diabetes." Funds will go towards research, information and advocacy.

Micro Investment Lending Enterprise (MILE)

Patricia Rooney, RSN, UNH director of development, was invited to sit on the first board of directors of MILE, a not-for-profit organization that was brought to the Milford community by Fred DeLuca, president and founder of SUBWAY Restaurants. Mr. DeLuca initiated a plan designed to help women who, with a small loan, can own their own businesses. DeLuca formed MILE, the Micro Investment Lending Enterprise, Inc. in the Southern Connecticut community of Milford, where the corporate

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headquarters of his chain operates.

DeLuca, along with Karen DeVito, coordinator of the Milford Housing Authority Section 8 Program, joined together to make it a reality. They encouraged community leaders to act as mentors, then linked them with the participants of the Milford Housing Authority Family Self Sufficiency Program to form the first chapter of MILE, Inc. The goal is to expand the program over the next three years to 1,000 chapters in communities throughout the United States.

President DeNardis Recognized as a Good Scout

On Tuesday evening, October 28th, the Quinnipiac Council Boy Scouts of America presented President Lawrence DeNardis with the 1997 Good Scout Award at the annual dinner. This award honors the achievements and community service of local businesses and community leaders, while raising funds for the scouting program.

The recipients of this award need not have been scouts but must carry the "spirit of scouting" into their adult lives. They are people who have been

unselfish in their service to others on an individual and community basis. They seek no return for their service, other than the satisfaction of aiding their fellow man, their

community, and their nation.

President DeNardis was recognized for his deep commitment to education and public service in the Greater New Haven community for over 30 years. As president of UNH and a former state senator and congressman, Dr. DeNardis has become a leader in state and national organizations devoted to the noble purpose of enhancing higher education. At the community level, he serves on numerous boards including the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, Shubert Performing Arts Center, Hospital of St. Raphael, Advisory Board Quinnipiac Council, Boy Scouts of America and the International Festival of Arts and Ideas.

The University of New Haven troop proudly salutes their scout master—Larry DeNardis!

UNH Student Awarded NTF Scholarship

The National Tourism Foundation (NTF) has awarded Norma Bremmer the 1997 Connecticut Scholarship. Bremmer is one of 25 National Tourism Foundation scholarship recipients selected in 1997 from among students representing colleges and universities throughout North America. In addition to the \$1,000 scholarship award, Bremmer will have the chance to attend the 1997 National



Tour Association Annual Convention in Tampa, Florida. While there, she will have the opportunity to meet with key industry professionals and observe business appointments among tour operators, tour suppliers and destination marketing organization representatives.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Breast cancer will affect over 2,000 Connecticut women in 1997 alone. The fight against this ugly disease is long, enduring and costly. Because of the tremendous expense of treating

cancer and searching for a cure, the American Cancer Society has given the community a chance to help in the fight. On October 19, there was a five-mile walk at Sherwood Island State Park in Westport. Many came to give their support, there were about 30 people from UNH who walked.

In addition to the walk, there was a cake raffle and bake sale sponsored by UNH. Congratulations to Gairy Wallace winner of the cake raffle. The walk and bake sale combined raised almost \$2,000. All the funds will go to research, legislation, treatment, education and prevention.



Dixon Dugan presents a check for the Bob Dugan Endowment Fund.

Bob Dugan Endowment Fund

The UNH faculty worked cooperatively with Dean Nancy Carriuolo and the development office to raise money for the Bob Dugan Endowment Fund for the Enhancement of the I O Program at the university. This fund was established in memory of Professor Bob Dugan, the beloved coordinator of the program who passed away in August 1996. Pictured in photo from left to right are: Professor Tara L'Heureux-Barret, Dixon Dugan, President Larry DeNardis, Dean Carriuolo and Professor Thomas Mentzer, Psychology.

Around

President's Office

• **Dr. Ira Kleinfeld**, assistant provost, became a member of the board of directors of the South Central Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Illinois Journal of Mathematics. He worked jointly on this paper with Professor David E. Blair of Michigan State University.

• **Professor Michael Rossi** has been appointed a visiting research scientist in obstetrics and gynecology at the Yale School of Medicine.



School of Hotel, Restaurant, Tourism and Dietetics Administration

• In June, a class of dietetic students worked with Shaw's Supermarket in Clinton, to research and design consumer nutrition information materials entitled "Eating Healthy on a Shoestring." Collaborating with Shaw's consumer information specialist, Susan Sundaram, the corporation's registered dietitian and Professor Beverly Bentivegna, director of the dietetics program, students prepared a weekly menu on \$50 to \$70 for various sized family using the dietary guidelines. Brochures on sanitation as well as recipes were developed for Shaw's to distribute to their customers.

• The dietetics students from UNH will be displaying holiday recipes and healthy tips at the state legislative building in Hartford during the months of November and December. The Connecticut Dietetic Association will be marketing the important role of nutrition to our legislatures through monthly advertising outside the legislative cafeteria bulletin board.

• New Haven is expanding with the arrival of the four-star Omni Hotel this fall. The School of Hotel, Restaurant, Tourism and Dietetics has developed an affiliation with the

Campus



College of Arts & Sciences

• **David E.E. Sloane**, professor of English, was part of a panel on "Teaching American Humor" at the American Literature Association Annual Convention in May.

Sloane was the keynote speaker at the conference "Edison and His Times," organized by the Edison National Historic Site in West Orange, New Jersey on June 25. His topic was "Edison's Children."

• **Ramesh Sharma**, mathematics, has been promoted to professor, effective September 1, 1997. Dr. Sharma published a paper "Conformal Motion of Contact Manifolds with Characteristic Vector Field in the k-nullity Distribution" in the

• **Tara L'Heureux-Barrett**, assistant professor of psychology, has been awarded tenure, effective September 1, 1997.

School of Business

• **Neal Gersony**, assistant professor of management, was the moderator of a symposium, "Anatomy of a Venture Capital Deal" at Yale University in May. The symposium was presented by the Biotechnology Committee for Greater New Haven and addressed the issue of venture capital financing for new technology-based firms.

• **David Morris**, marketing, has been promoted to professor, effective September 1, 1997.



hotel for training their new workers and continuing education for their employees. A recent "hard-hat" tour by the faculty was the start of a symbiotic relationship.

- **Professors Beverly Ben-tivegna and Georgia Chevant** will present their paper entitled "Developing Marketable and Nutritious Menus for a New Children's Museum Restaurant" in Boston during the American Dietetic Association's Annual Meeting in October. The dietetics department worked with the children attending the Children's Museum in New Haven to design menu selections by kids for kids.

- **Constantine Vlides**, chair/associate professor, was elected vice-chair of the faculty senate.



School of Engineering and Applied Science

- **Dr. Agamemnon D. Koutsospyros** received two grants from the Connecticut Space Grant Consortium (CSGC) for the summer of 1997. These awards will enable Dr. Koutsospyros to participate in a research program on "Bioregenerative Life Support Systems" (BLSS). BLSS are essentially integrated management schemes covering all possible aspects of human life support for long-term space explo-

ration missions (including food, water, air and waste). The award also included a visit to NASA's Advanced Life Support facilities at Kennedy Space Center where Dr. Koutsospyros, along with Dr. Christodoulatos of Stevens Institute of Technology, presented a seminar based on their on-going experimental work and findings.

- **Jean Nocito-Gobel**, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering, completed the requirements for her doctoral degree from the University of Massachusetts this past May. Her research involved examining various physical and chemical factors affecting the transport of colloidal sized particles in groundwater systems.

- **Dr. Carl Barratt**, associate professor of mechanical engineering, delivered his talk "Newton: His Life and Times" to the Westport Astronomical Society on July 15, 1997.

- **Matthew Sanders**, associate professor of industrial engineering, received an official statement from Governor Rowland congratulating the University of New Haven's role in the Connecticut Pre-Engineering Program (CPEP). In addition, Sanders was named the recipient of a \$500,000 Connecticut Collegiate Awareness and Preparation (ConnCAP) program grant to service students from the public schools of New Haven and West Haven. The program will be called UNH Scholars of the 21st century.

- **Ismail I. Orabi**, professor of mechanical engineering, presented a seminar at Hamilton Standard of United Technologies entitled "Assessment of Linear and Nonlinear Joint Effects on the Dynamic

Performances of Orbiting Space Structures," in May. This work is sponsored by the United Technologies and Yankee Ingenuity Initiative of the State of Connecticut.



Graduate School

- **Jerry Allen**, dean of graduate studies and professional development, presented an invited address, "Ethics and Morale Issues in the New Educational Organizational Environment," at the Eastern Association of College and University Business Officers, March 14, 1997, in Boston. He also presented two papers, "From the classroom to print: Taking basic instructional ideas to print;" and "Publishing empirical research" at the Eastern Communication Association Basic Conference in Baltimore in April.

Dr. Allen was appointed to a second three year term (1997-1999) on the editorial board of the Journal of the Association for Communication Administration (JACA). He has also been named to the editorial board of The Encyclopedia of Television News to be published by ORYX Press in 1998. In addition, he was named a Distinguished Teaching Fellow by the

Eastern Communication Association. This award is given in acknowledgment of an outstanding record of teaching and educational services.

School of Public Safety and Professional Studies

- **Dr. Howard A. Harris**, director of the forensic program, won the Outstanding Service Award of the Criminalistics Section of the American Academy of Forensic Science.

- **William Norton**, chair/associate professor of criminal justice, is the newly elected chair of the Faculty Senate.

Alumni News

- On July 1, 1997, **Deborah Van Lenten** became the new director of alumni relations. Debby comes to the university with ten years of experience in alumni relations at Southern Connecticut State University, Georgetown University Law Center and Swarthmore College.

She welcomes ideas and input from the members of the UNH alumni family. You can reach her at (203) 932-7270, vanlente@charger.newhaven.edu or 300 Orange Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516.



Students of the environmental science program enjoy their new outdoor classroom.

"My husband and I treasured the beauty of this salt marsh and the wealth of wildlife it supports. It is exciting to know that the wildlife will always have a home and that many generations will have a place to enhance their ecological education."

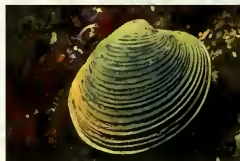
— FLORENCE BANCA

September 18, a day that personified the glory of Indian summers in Connecticut, marked a dedication ceremony to celebrate a unique gift to the University of New Haven.

Florence and Peter Banca presented 1.29 acres of wetlands in the Stony Creek section of Branford. The land has been part of the Banca family for three generations. Given in memory of Attilio Banca, husband and father, the land will enhance the UNH environmental program (one of the first programs in

the nation established 25 years ago) as well as help in the establishment of a marine biology program.

President DeNardis and Patricia Rooney, R.S.M., director of development, welcomed friends of the Banca family, UNH administration and faculty, students, and local dignitaries to the ceremony. David Osgood, professor of environmental science at UNH, was there with students who had spent the afternoon discovering the treasures of the wetlands. According to Osgood, "It's



(the land) quite a jewel! It's great having access to a site like this. It will be much loved and well used."

At the end of the ceremony, a boulder bearing a plaque dedicating the property was unveiled.

"The property, full of wildlife from ospreys to baby sea turtles, has been in my family for three generations. I feel a duty to pass it on to future generations to use as a living classroom."

— PETER BANCA (EMBA '78)



Bits 'n Pieces



Lubbie Harper Sworn In

President Larry DeNardis and Governor John Rowland congratulate Judge Lubbie Harper, UNH class of 1965 at his swearing in as a superior court judge on July 31 at the state capital.

Time and Support Needed for CJ Chapter!

One of only two chapters in New England, the New Haven chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association needs your help. With the purpose of promoting greater fraternal relationships and higher educational standards for law enforcement professionals, our membership has quadrupled in the past year. Our fifty members now feel ready to take on the National Association Convention to be held in Los Angeles in March 1988.

The focus, *Strategic Responses to Major Incidents*, will involve competitions in firearms, physical agility and crime scene investigation. We think we can bring home trophies and put UNH on the national map!

Here is where we need your help. We would like to send ten representatives to the conference. We need your support and time to mentor and advise these teams. If you would like to be involved please contact Nancy Jasuirkowski at the CJ office (203) 932-7369 or Mike Spaziani at (203) 479-7922.

Institute for Healthcare Management and Policy

With the rapid changes happening in the healthcare industry, one of Connecticut's major areas of commerce, the University of New Haven is establishing an institute for healthcare management and policy.

The purpose is to serve the information and training needs of a broad cross-section of individuals such as the leaders from the healthcare provider and payer industries, educators, elected officials and the public.



Sponsor lectures and forums on current trends in management of hospitals and physician's practices will be offered along with health policy conferences and continuing education training. Research will be conducted on health care policy and management issues.

New UNH Board Members

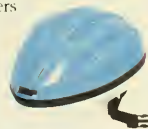
At the annual meeting on June 12, the UNH board of governors elected four new members of the board. They are:

- **Nan Birdwhistell**
Former First Selectwoman of Woodbridge.
- **Henry C. Lee**
Director of the Forensic Science Laboratory of Connecticut and Practitioner-In-Residence at UNH.
- **Mark S. Levy**
President of Fire-Lite Alarms, Inc., Notifier and Notifier Europe.
- **Harry "Bud" Torello**
President and Chief Operating Officer of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Connecticut.

"Link the Campuses" Bike Ride

On Saturday, September 20th a number of UNH faculty members participated in the first "link the campuses" bicycle ride from the

Mitchell College campus to the West Haven campus. Participating were Ali Golbazzi, Darrell Homing, Ira Kleinfeld, Marilyn Miller, Patrick Rowland, Allen Sack, and Matthew Sanders. Lori Jackson, a student majoring in criminal justice, drove the sweep car. The 66-mile route followed the Connecticut shore, and the majestic vistas of the sound and the countryside, in addition to the fellowship and exercise, helped make for a wonderful day. Given the success of the event, it appears that the ride can easily become an annual event.



Forensic and Fire Science Program Goes West

Through the tremendous efforts of Tom Johnson, School of Public Safety and Professional Studies director, the university opened a West Coast satellite master's program in fire science and forensic science in Sacramento, California.

The master's in fire science is an interdisciplinary program designed to provide advanced training for fire service, fire safety, occupational safety and security professionals who are involved with fire protection. Fire protection specialists require knowledge of the science and methodology for preserving lives and property by preventing or minimizing losses resulting from fires, explosions, accidents and other hazards.

The master's program in forensic science is a broad, interdisciplinary field in which the natural sciences are employed to analyze and evaluate physical evidence in the matter of law. This program offers three concentrations: criminalistics, fire science and advanced investigation.

Graduate certificates are also offered in the forensic and fire science programs. Future sites for the program are anticipated to be located in the bay area of San Francisco and the Los Angeles basin.

SPORTS

by Vinnie DiCarlo, director, sports information

MEN'S BASKETBALL PROSPECTUS

The University of New Haven men's basketball team looks to rebound from a 5-22 (4-14 NECC) record in 1996-97. The outlook for the 1997-98 Chargers is promising. A mix of talented returning players with some talented transfers and incoming freshmen has head coach **Jim O'Connor** (15-38, .283, two seasons) excited as he heads into his third season with the Chargers.

"We've improved our depth with some quality players," O'Connor says. "Our goal is to improve on the five wins. To do that we need to improve defensively. We've increased our size, quickness and versatility."



Photo credit: Russ McCreven

RETURNEES

The returnees are lead by New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Year **Ernest Sampson** (So., G, 6-1, 180, Orange, N.J.) and **Stephen Bynum** (Sr., F, 6-6, 210, Bronx, N.Y.).

Sampson led the team and was fifth in the NECC with 104 assists in 27 games (3.9 per game) and was third in scoring at 10.9 points per game.

Bynum was the league's 10th leading scorer (15.4) and sixth leading rebounder (8.6). He led New Haven in blocks (16) and field goal percentage (49.2).

Mike Kulpa (Sr., G, 6-5, 210, Cromwell, Conn.) returns after starting 17 games. He is the team's leading three-point threat after connecting on 41 percent of his attempts last season.

Lance Clark (Sr., G, 6-3, 185, Forest Hills, N.Y.) returns after appearing in 24 games, which included seven starts.

Micha Bennett (Jr., F, 6-5, 195, Englewood, N.J.), **Frank Turner** (So., C, 6-7, 210, Woodbury, Conn.), **Alex Codio** (So., G, 6-3, 195, Medford, N.Y.) and **Tim Hubert** (Jr., G, 5-11, 165, Fremont Center, N.Y.) all return and are expected to be bigger contributors this season.

NEWCOMERS

The newcomers to the New Haven roster are ready to help the Chargers improve. The new faces are led by a pair of Division I transfers in **Rob Johnson** (Duquesne) and **Angelo Thomas** (Maine).

Johnson (Sr., F, 6-4, 190, Bronx, N.Y.) is an aggressive, above-the-rim type player who knows how to win. He played at Rice High School with Felipe Lopez (St. John's) and Reggie Freeman (the Southwest Conference's all-time leading scorer at Texas). Johnson spent two years at Tallahassee Junior College which was ranked in nation's Top 10 each year, before spending a season in the Atlantic-10.

Thomas (Jr., C, 6-9, 190, Greenfield, Mass.) transfers in after starting as a sophomore for the America East Conference member. He's an athletic center who can run the floor and provides a much-needed shoot-blocking presence.

Trevor Herbert, who started at point guard for Tekkyo Post last season, also transferred to the Chargers. A very quick guard, Herbert (So., G, 6-0, 160, Queens Village, N.Y.) will fit right in to the Chargers run and press style.

True freshman **Rashawn Counts** moves over one county from Bridgeport's Harding High School. Counts (Fr., G, 6-3, 185, Bridgeport, Conn.) was a versatile swingman who could score and rebound for the Presidents.

Another freshman **John Jankowski** (Fr., G, 5-6, 155, Mahwah, N.J.) will provide much needed depth.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PROSPECTUS

The University of New Haven women's basketball team is loaded with talent and is expected to make some noise in the always tough New England Collegiate Conference. Ten returning play-

ers along with three newcomers give head coach **Mary Ann Palazzi** (40-67, .373) a nice mix of youth and experience as she heads into her fifth season with the Chargers. New Haven will look to improve on its 12-15 (7-11 NECC, sixth place finish) record from last season.

RETURNEES

Make no doubt about it, the Chargers will go as far as **Tiesha Grace** (Sr., F, 5-11, Roosevelt, N.Y.) can take them. Grace was a first-team All-New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) and second-team All-Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) selection, despite missing the last 11 games with a knee injury. She averaged 16.8 points and 10.6 rebounds and 2.0 steals through the first 16 games.

The Chargers also return the solid backcourt tandem of **Becky Snow** (So., G, 5-6, Columbia, N.Y.) and **Kristy Conyers** (So., G, 5-8, Pittsfield, Mass.). Snow was the NECC's third leading scorer at 14.3 points per game and was second in the league with 57 three-point field goals. She also ranked third in the NECC with a .793 free throw percentage and started 26



Photo credit: Russ McCreven



UNH FOOTBALL HAS BLOSSOMED IN JUST 25 YEARS

This season marks the 25th year that the University of New Haven has fielded a football team. While celebrating this milestone, the 1997 Chargers are in the midst of one of their best seasons ever. Although success has been synonymous with New Haven football in recent years, it wasn't always that way.

The Chargers struggled in their early years. New Haven fielded its first varsity team in the Fall of 1973. Head Coach Joe McHugh and his team of 37 players posted an 0-8 record. McHugh saw the 1974 team finish 0-9.

It wasn't until the second game of the 1975 season that New Haven earned its first ever varsity football victory. The Chargers defeated Curry College 13-7. Freshman Mark Francoeur, the first UNH player to ever receive a football grant, proved himself worthy as he rushed for 118 yards on 18 carries. The 5-8, 155 pound running back from Milford, Conn., scored both Chargers' touchdowns. With only a couple of minutes remaining, fresh-

man defensive back Julius Stone intercepted a pass at the UNH 2-yard line to seal the win.

Boy, how times have changed!

The Chargers are the winningest NCAA Division II football program in the Northeast since 1990, with a 60-17-1 (.775 winning percentage) after eight games of the 1997 season. New Haven has made three NCAA Tournament appearances, joining the postseason crowd in 1992, 93 and 95.

The 1993 season, which saw the Chargers reach the NCAA quarterfinals, was capped off with the highest individual honor a Division II football player can receive.

Running back Roger Graham was awarded the 1993 Harlon Hill Trophy as the nation's best football player. He finished that season with 1,687 yards and led Division II with a 13.8 scoring average. He was runner-up for the award in 1994, finishing the year with 1,607.

But when did the turnaround happen?

It's hard to pin-point a specific run, pass or touchdown, but there's no doubt as to who began the upswing.

Going into the 1986 season, UNH had just four winning seasons. Then

UNH football team charges onto the field

Below: Head coach Tony Sparano '82 has been a player or a coach for 11 seasons

Chris Palmer was hired. The Chargers posted back-to-back 8-2 seasons under Palmer and earned its first national ranking—a No. 18 ranking in the final 1986 poll. Although Palmer, who currently serves as the offensive coordinator for the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars, left New Haven after just two seasons, the ball was rolling.

Mark Whipple took over in 1988 and would coach the Chargers for six seasons. He led New Haven to a 48-7 record and two consecutive NCAA playoff appearances in 1992 and '93, advancing to the semifinal in 1992. The Chargers obtained their highest ranking with a No. 2 rank in 1993. Whipple is in his fourth season as head football coach at Brown University.

Winning has been business as usual for New Haven under current head coach Tony Sparano. A four-year letterwinner and starting offensive center at New Haven from 1979-82.

Sparano, who has been a part of New Haven football as a player or coach for 11 seasons, has his theories on why the Chargers continue to be successful.

"The administration here makes the difference," Sparano says. "They support the program's players and coaches and take a real interest in maintaining the team's national status. There is a commitment the entire athletics program, not just football, at the University of New Haven."

After 25 seasons, New Haven has had 15 players earn All-America status and 39 All-ECAC selections.

The foundation was set and the program has blossomed. With hopes of a national championship game appearance in the near future, those involved, be it as a player, coach, administrator or supporter, with New Haven football the past 25 seasons have something to be proud of.

games. Conyers ranked second in the league with 72 steals and averaged 5.9 points, 4.2 rebounds and 3.3 assists in 25 starts. **Kate Simmons** (So., G, 5-6, Easthampton, Mass.) was the Chargers third leading scorer last season, averaging 9.9 points per game. Simmons, who appeared in 26 games and started two, was second on the team with 29 three-pointers.

The Chargers also have a shot-blocking and rebounding tandem in the low post. **Melissa O'Connell** (Sr., C, 6-0, Shelton, Conn.) ranked seventh in the league with 25 blocks in addition to contributing 4.9 points and 4.4 rebounds per game. **Christine Huber** (So., F, 5-10, Augusta, Maine) grabbed 6.4 rebounds and 9.7 points per game in 20 starts. The Chargers will get low post support from **Angel Martin** (So., F, 6-0, Falls Village, Conn.), **Tanna Mazza** (So., F, 5-10, Howell, N.J.), **Sheila Dawson** (Jr., F, 5-11, St. Thomas, V.I.) and **Altia Lawrence** (Jr., F, 5-11, Waterbury, Conn.). Martin averaged five points and three rebounds, while averaging 14 minutes per game.

NEWCOMERS

The Chargers are looking forward to newcomers **Auribria Traynham** (Fr., G, 5-9, Jamaica, N.Y.), **Lindsay Williams** (Fr., F, 5-10, Winsted, Conn.) and **Morgan Bosy** (Fr., F, 6-0, Schenectady, N.Y.) to make solid contributions.

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Leo Bombalicki
Don Broderick
John Buckley
John Cicarella
Pat Civitello

Alex CoFrancesco
Gene CoFrancesco
Joe Consiglio
Mike Coppola
Pete DeGregorio
Steve DiMungo (captain)
Rick Doran
Bill Dwyer

Art Edwards
Tony Elia
Nick Fantano
Tony Ferraro
Lenny Galbicsek
Tony Hill
Bob Hinds
Carmen Iannuzzi

Leon Jones
Bob Kronkaltis
Mario Lucibello
Bill Maher
Neil Martino
James Menge
Ben Mondrone
Tony Mortali

Chris O'Connor
Mike Plouffe
Dan Primich
James Scanlon
Russ Sharpe
Vin Tozzi
Leo Vallee
Dave Ziaks

ALUMNI UPDATE



1957

William T. McKeon from North Haven received a B.A. in U.S. history from Charter Oak State College in 1995.

1962

Francis C. Coogan, product/development engineer at Siemens, Inc., Jackson, MS retired with 22 years of service. One month after retiring he agreed to return to Siemens as a part-time contract engineer. Frank is also a colonel in the Confederate Air Force in Madison, MS. He resides with his wife Shirley.

1964

Albert Paglia who moved to Florida in 1977, has relocated to the West Palm Beach area and is employed as a contract administrator for the Palm Beach School District. He is active in local church, community and charity committees. He resides with his wife Rosemary and three children.

1965

Frederick H. Hallock of Fort Jackson, SC is currently treasurer of the South Carolina Railroad Museum, Inc.; director of Central South Carolina Chapter National Railway Historical Society; S.C. director of Carolina Association of Passenger Transportation and presenter of Operation Lifesaver.

Michael W. McKosky is living in Dayton, OH and is a software engineer. He has two adult children living in San Francisco.

1966

Roy Larsen of Douglaston, NY retired from American Cyanamid Company in 1991 after 43 years. He continued to work for them as a consultant on meetings and trade shows while American Home Products purchased Cyanamid.

1968

Steven Gadarian was recently promoted to vice president in the research and analysis department of New York Life Insurance Company. Steve joined New York Life in 1971 as an office manager trainee. He resides with his wife Barbara and their two children in Red Bank, NJ.

1969

Raymond J. Margiano, CEO and founder of HEEL QUIK! was a recipient of the 1997 Blue Chip Enterprise Initiative Award. This award is given to entrepreneurs who have dealt successfully with challenges to become models for other small-business people.

1971

Stephen W. Hopkins, head of the Computational and Fracture Mechanics Group at Failure Analysis Assoc. Inc. in Menlo Park, CA, has been elected chairman of ASTM Committee E-8 on Fatigue and Fracture. Hopkins is chairman

of the International Organization for Standardization Subcommittee on Fatigue and is active in a number of other professional societies.

1972



Charles N. Starbranch, FHFMA, has been named chief financial officer for Westminster-Canterbury, a continuing retirement community in Virginia Beach, VA, a 500-resident facility. Prior to joining Westminster-Canterbury, Charles was treasurer and CFO at the Hospital for Special Care in New Britain, CT.

1976

John DiVenere was unanimously voted as the chief of police of the Bristol Police Department, where he is a 20-year veteran. During this time John went through the ranks and was promoted to captain last summer. His wife Susan is a police officer in Farmington.

Peter Femiak of Norwich, a distributor marketing manager for Emhart Industrial, has been named to the Specialty Tools and Fasteners Distributors Association Manufacturers' Liaison Committee. Comprised of seven representatives who are chosen from more than 940 manufacturer association members, the committee advises STAFDA on business matters of importance to manufacturers. Peter will serve a three-year term.

1978

Pam Giordano of Branford, CT has been named top-producing listing and selling agent for the first quarter of 1997 of ERA Coastline Realty Inc. of Branford.

1980

Susan Burns Rogers of Stonington, CT received a master of social work from Smith College School for Social work in August '96 after her son, Kevin, received his master's degree from UNH in May. She is presently working as a child psychotherapist for Child & Family Agency of Southeastern CT. She completed an internship at the Yale Child Study Center in New Haven.

1981

Salvatore F. Acampora has been named vice-president of operations for Polar Glass, Inc., a custom injection molding manufacturer in San Diego, CA. He brings a wealth of experience to the company, having previously held management positions in the industry. Sal was with Sikorsky Aircraft for 22 years.



Frank D'Eugenio will be general manager of HID, Hamden, CT. He was formerly Sensor Engineering's controller for over five years and prior to that was a special projects financial analyst for Echlin Inc. He resides in East Haven, CT.

1983

Scott Durgin was named vice president of customer service for Mesaba Airlines operating as Northwest Airlinck. Scott comes to Mesaba Airlines from Business Express Airlines where he was vice president of customer service. He resides in Eagan, MN.

Darrow F. Loucks has navigated a career transition from systems engineering for MITRE Corp. to management of Connecticut Direct Mail in North Haven, CT where he is responsible for internal operations. He married Nancy Lynn Elliott in June of 1996 and they reside in Guilford.

1984

Paul Smotas of Glastonbury has been hired as assistant superintendent for the Branford school system. Paul was formerly the business manager for the Vernon public school system.

1985

Christopher J. Bogucki of Clinton, CT has been named to the newly created position of business development manager for the Connecticut Water Company. Christopher has been with the water company for 14 years and has served on several committees of the Connecticut Section of the American Water Works Association, a water utility professional association.



Vincent J. Cronan, CPA of Cheshire has joined the firm and will merge his practice into Solakian, Caiafa & Company CPAs of Branford. Vincent has been in public accounting for almost 20 years and for the last four years has been a sole practitioner.



Evan F. Friedman has been appointed president of the New York Restaurant School, The College for Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management. He previously held positions with Swissotel/New York, and Manhattan East Suite Hotels. Evan also held adjunct positions at the University of New Haven and Johnson and Wales College.



Gregory Malangone, CPA of Branford was recently appointed by the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA) to serve as chair of its Peer Review Committee for the organization's 1997-98 fiscal year. Gregory is principal/vice-president of the New Haven firm of Beers, Hamerman & Company, P.C.

1986

Carol P. Augur of Cheshire has been hired as vice president for Fleet Private Clients Group, where she will serve as a relationship manager of trusts, investment management accounts, IRAs and estate planning. Prior to Fleet, Carol worked for 10 years as a senior account administrator with the private banking division of Bank-Boston.

Cathy Bradley has been named president of SNET Call Center Services. Cathy has 21 years of experience in the telecommunications industry.

Paul Caiafa, tax partner of Solakian, Caiafa & Company, CPAs, located in Branford, was recently appointed to the Sales and Use Tax Study Committee by House Minority Leader Robert M. Ward, R-Northford. Paul also serves on the board of directors of Notre Dame High School, the South Central Connecticut Chapter of Alzheimer's Association, and the Manufacturers Association of New Haven County, Inc.

Sheilah B. Rostow has been named vice president of grant making and planned giving by Fleet Bank. She also serves on the development committee for the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven and on the board of trustees of the St. Regis Health Center, and sits on the St. Raphael Health Care System finance board and its investment committee.

Mark E. Rousseau, CPA, has joined DiSanto Bertoline & Co., P.C. as a managing associate of the Entrepreneurial Tax and Consulting Services group. Mark and his wife Diane reside in Meriden, CT.

Stephen T. Zerio has joined the CALICO Agency Ltd. in New Haven, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Connecticut, as president and general manager. Stephen served as director of northern regional sales at BC/BS of CT, and has held numerous management positions in sales and operations since joining the CALICO in 1977.

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1987

Marc Desruisseaux of Coral Springs, FL was awarded the Black Engineer of the Year Award for the Outstanding Technical Contribution category. This is a national contest where over 250 companies nationwide submit their most outstanding candidates. Marc is currently senior staff engineer in Motorola in charge of developing real time embedded software for the portable/mobile two-way analog/digital radios.

Pat Franco received a merit award from the board of trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges of Connecticut during Gateway Community College's commencement ceremony. Pat is chief renal dietitian for the Hospital of St. Raphael. During her college years, she raised five children and worked at the Hospital of St. Raphael, where she actually began her career at age 14 in the food service department. Pat lives in North Branford with her husband.

Natalina Bagala Phillips of Tampa, FL is currently regional manager for a Canadian software integrator. She is married and will be moving to Atlanta, GA.

1988

Scott J. Centi of West Haven recently was promoted from tax supervisor to tax manager with McGladrey & Pullen, LLP of New Haven.

1989



William J. Costello, CPA of Trumbull was recently appointed by the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants to serve as chair of its Relations with Secondary Schools Committee for the organization's 1997-98 fiscal year. William

is the audit and accounting manager for the Bridgeport certified public accounting firm of Reich, Schweitzer & Weiss, CPAs.



Violetta P. Kava, CPA of Glastonbury was recently appointed by the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants to serve as chair of its FACS/CPA Committee for the organization's 1997-98 fiscal year. Violetta is the managing partner of the Manchester firm of Kava & Kava, CPAs.

1990



Neil Baker of Dublin, OH has been named vice president in charge of the Commerce Enterprise Business Unit of Sterling Commerce's Commerce Services Group. Neil previously served as vice president of customer services for the Commerce Services Group.

Joseph P. Nuzzo of West Haven has been promoted to vice president in charge of new business development for Connecticut by Business Lenders, Inc. in Hartford, CT.

1991



Charles Boulter III has been named executive vice president, treasurer and CFO of American Savings Bank. Charles has 19 years

in the banking industry and resides in Waterbury, CT with his wife and two children.

Jennifer Casper of Brooklyn, NY is a producer at MSNBC, the cable news joint venture of NBC News and Microsoft. She was married on April 6, 1997 to Joseph Lichtman.

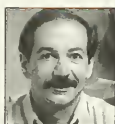
1992

Dina Comman Ginsburg began as an intern with Marriott in Hilton Head, SC while studying at UNH and then transferred to the Trumbull Marriott where she currently works in the sales department. She was married May, 1996 and resides in Branford, CT.



William A. Van Dam of Westborough, MA was appointed account executive for Providence-Southern, L.L.C., which is owned by Providence Energy Corporation of Providence, RI, parent of the largest natural gas distribution company in Rhode Island, and Southern Company of Atlanta, GA, the largest producer of electricity in the U.S. William has more than ten years experience in engineering and in the marketing of electricity.

1993



Vincent Prigitano was appointed finance director of Seton Group, a division of W. H. Brady Co., based in Branford, CT. Vincent joined the company in 1983 and has served in various financial capacities.

Sandra Vigliotti was promoted to vice president and private banker for The Private Bank at BankBoston Connecticut in Waterbury, CT. She is an active member of several civic and community organizations, and serves as a board member of the Waterbury Symphony. Sandra received the Miriam Camp Woman of the Year Award from the Waterbury Girls Club in 1996.

1995

Scott J. Criscuolo of Hamden is the producer for the morning show on WELI and also a news broadcaster and reporter for WELI and WAVZ, local radio stations.

George Ribellino, Jr. of New Haven is the executive producer of The People's Advocate radio program on WELI News Talk 960, news anchor for sister station WAVZ, and public service director for both stations.

Sister Ann Stango has been promoted to vice president, patient support services at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Paterson, NJ. She also is chair of the Medical Center's Ethics Committee.

1996

Jennifer A. Norcross of North Branford is teaching English at Stonington High School in Pawcatuck, CT.

Catherine Burton has joined the Graduate Club in New Haven as their new assistant manager. Born in Norway, Catherine has been in the United States for four years. She interned at Disney World at the Norway Building and the Woodway Country Club in Darien. Catherine is a member of the Club Manager's Association of America. She and her husband reside in Waterbury.



MARRIAGES

Steven D. Goldstein '68 to Shelly Rockmaker

Judy Lynn Maddas '76 to Todd W. Hall

Richard Mihalcik '79 to Michelle Stewart

Robert G. Markowski '84 to Christy A. Pallman

Nicholas A. Alati '85 to Michele Jude Simard

Tracy Ann Facin '87 to Dwight MacDonald

Donna Marie Mirabilio '87 to Stephen M. Mulhall

Patrick F. Vigilio, Jr. '87 to Nancy A. Lamb

Sandra Austin '88 to Brett Goldstein '88

William James Brennan '88 to Melissa N. Donovan

Paul Foti '89 to Miltzi Ralston

Tina Johnsson '89 to Raul Guerrero II

Michael P. McGreevy '89 to Kris M. Kuros

Herbert L. Bagwell, Jr. '90 to Dawn G. Bentley

Patrick J. Carr '90 to Susan M. MacIsaac

Michael Arthur Doyle '90 to Christy A. Townsend

Dawn Marie Ferro '90 to Brian Bellamy

Nancy Margaret Goss '90 to Patrick J. Lowry

David Edward Thomas '90 to Kristine M. Lechner

Thomas A. Collett '91 to Toni Ann Palmieri

Benjamin Joseph D'Acunto '91 to Mary A. Janis

John Miele '91 to Amy E. Merrill

Kiernan J. Wholean '91 to Nicole Welsh

Scott W. Birdsell '92 to Wendy A. Napolitano

Steven Keith Brouwer '92 to Kimberly R. Magee

Guy A. Mason '92 to Christine R. Lassy

Clinton R. Peterson, Jr. '92 to Caron E. Bender

Andrew P. Heymann '93 to Kathleen A. McCabe

Sean P. McMahon '93 to Nancy L. Uterstaedt

Leonora Melaccio '93 to Dr. Bruce A. Andrien, Jr.

Nathan H. Spear '93 to Anita L. Vanni

John M. Stofa '93 to Emily O'Loughlin '95

Kristin E. Bradshaw '94 to Michael J. Rafferty, Jr.

Richard John Bryant II '94 to April M. George

Brian D. Haesche '94 to Lorraine F. Kazmercyk

Tobin Rhodes '94 to Susan K. Mullen

Deborah Ann Ryan '94 to Michael T. Gallagher

Jerry T. Stankiewicz '94 to Kathleen M. Kincade

Jeffrey D. Torello '94 to Christin N. Agli

Susan E. Zippel '94 to Patrick S. Owen

Jeffrey M. Lumia '95 to Kimberly A. Ramos

Sandra J. Masca '95 to Adam C. Smith

Danielle Bartolini '96 to Jerome Schneider

James Arthur Breen '96 to Mary E. Fortin

Carrie Anne Bruss '96 to Patrick Ziebell

Candace Jaye Buonocore '96 to James J. Romano

Jeannie Marie Eberhardt '96 to Gregory R. Verrill

Krista Ann Grella '96 to John A. Rosa

Michael F. McDonnell '96 to Elizabeth S. Ugolik

Michelle Paquette '96 to James Corcoran

Holly J. Sylvia '96 to Christopher M. Miller

Scott E. Riordan '96 to Susan E. Palmer

Kelly Jean Soule '97 to Brian E. Molster

Wayne A. Smith '96, and wife Valerie, Norwich, CT - daughter - Kianna Paige, January 14, 1997.



DEATHS

Benjamin Lewis '30

John A. Casey '36

Vincent F. Cusano, Jr. '50

William N. Pantalone '50

Jesse J. Hoagland '51

Edward J. Fitzgerald '52

Edward Vincent Rippel '53

Robert H. Heavens '55

Joseph A. Miller '62

Henry E. Baxter '63

Robert H. Benson '63

Nancy "Tucky" Jewett '65

Herbert M. McCauley '65

Charles E. Yocher '65

William H. McCormick, Jr. '66

John "Jack" Ramsay '66

Carl G. Wysopal '66

Anthony J. Allison, Sr. '70

Steven Wielachowski '70

Joseph S. Geloso '71

Lawson A. Wilkinson '71

Walter J. Cummings '72

Lawrence L. Egel '72

Richard M. Hannon '72

Katherine Ann Malec '73

William J. Rushen '74

Joseph A. Boucher '75

William T. Hansen '78

Thomas Izzo '78

Henry H. Treuting, Sr. '78

Albert J. Gagne '79

James A. Riggs '79

John C. Walsh '79

Ellen M. Chofey '83

Gerald D. Roberts '89

Donald R. Scott, Sr. '92

Kathryn M. Bevan '93



NEW ARRIVALS

Robin McGill Shevlin '86, West Haven, CT - daughter, November 22, 1996.

Andrew DiGiugno '92 and wife Amy, Shelton, CT - son - Andrew John, August 12, 1995.

Lise Pawuette DeBella '93, Arlington, MA - son - Nicholas Augustus, December 31, 1996.

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Teaching Students to Take Their Best Shot

The University of New Haven men's and women's basketball teams made another trip to Thompson Elementary School on Oct. 28. The Chargers have adopted Thompson's fourth and fifth grade classes and have periodically provided them basketball clinics. Each of the University of New Haven's athletic teams partake in community service projects on a regular basis.



Community Service at the Heart of UNH

This past spring, President Clinton's Summit in Philadelphia drew national attention to the concept of community service throughout the nation. At the University of New Haven, community service is an integral activity for many.

In coordination with area employers, the Federal Work Study Program provides an option for those who rely on volunteer services to meet a broad array of needs. In the Financial Aid Office, coordinator Robin D'Errico provides a link between students and such agencies as the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, the Veteran's Administration Hospital and the Juvenile Justice Center. She has successfully matched strengths and skills of students with areas in the community that value and can utilize their service.

One such case is with fire science major, David Powers, an emergency medical technician. David spends time at the American Red Cross, a non-profit agency, chartered in part to provide disaster action relief in the greater New Haven area. Because of David's background and EMT training, he is able to make a difference for those in need, who look to the Red Cross for assistance in emergency situations.

Providing service to the community is also infused into a course currently taught through the School of Business. BA 100, Leadership in the Business Community sets the stage for hands-on participation by students, many of whom had no prior experience. At the beginning of each semester, groundwork is laid for individual and group

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participation. Student involvement amounts to approximately one hour per week throughout the semester. This is an ongoing activity for all business majors at UNH, as well as for other students who enroll in BA 100 as an elective. Students have recently elected to serve at area soup kitchens, community church groups and nursing homes. All have come away from their volunteer service aware that their efforts to help can fill them with joy and a new understanding of those in need.



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Norman Botwinik, shown with his wife Marjorie, cuts the ribbon officially opening the residence hall. Cheever Tyler, Board of Governor's Chair, looks on.



President DeNardis assists Rowland Bixler in the ceremonial opening of Bixler Hall. Margaret Bixler, Rowland's wife, also enjoys the moment.

Ceremony Marks Official Openings

On Saturday, September 27th, Roland M. Bixler and Norman I. Botwinik were honored by the UNH dedication of two new residence halls in their names. President DeNardis opened the ceremony with words of appreciation for their efforts throughout the years to support the growth of UNH. Cheever Tyler followed, along with John Phelan, president of Fletcher Thompson, architects of the new residence halls, to convey their excitement at the opening of the new halls. The much anticipated portraits of the namesakes of Botwinik and Bixler Halls were then unveiled. The men of honor, Roland Bixler and Norman Botwinik, each spoke of their great privilege to have served the University on the Board of Governors. After the ribbon cutting, the university celebrated with the sounds of the UNH a cappella chorus and the Alma Mater rang through the UNH campus.



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